

Joe Quirk, of This City, May Have New Spike Adopted by American League at Next Meeting

WILL PASS UPON HARMLESS SPIKE

Washington Man's Invention to Be Considered At Meeting of American League Magnates—Transfer of Army-Navy Game Appeals to Association.

By THOMAS KIRBY.

One of the features of the annual meeting of the American League in New York next week will be a hearing at which Joe Quirk and "Doc" Reising, of the Washington club, will explain to the magnates the new bloodless spike which has been patented by the trainer of the Nationals.

At last year's convention Quirk presented to the representatives of the different franchises on the circuit the plan of his invention, and it appeared so strongly that the patentees were told to distribute them among some of the more prominent players to see if it would prove practical. Several of the stars tried out the arrangement, and Quirk and Reising will present to the meeting the endorsements of Kid Elberfeld, Chase, Cobb, Lajoie, Wallace, and several others who agree that the substitute for the dangerous steel that has always been used in the past is satisfactory.

While the spikes worn by all players are considered comparatively insignificant by the ordinary fan, it is nevertheless true that it has cost all the ball clubs in America thousands of dollars annually because of injuries to players who have been unfortunate to get in the way of the blades as runners have slid into the bases and across the plate. For a matter of protection, several catchers wear shin guards whenever in service, and it has even been suggested that all the infielders use the leather protectors, but this, of course, would be impracticable, because of the weight, which would retard speed.

Joe Quirk's new spike is a simple arrangement. It is a piece of steel in the shape of an acorn, and while pointed enough to keep its wearer from slipping, it is at the same time too dull to injure anyone who might get in its way. It is cheap, does not have to be sharpened, can be easily attached to the sole, and is too light to interfere with speed.

If it is adopted it will mean the saving of many a player and, incidentally, a neat little sum for Messrs. Reising and Quirk, who are partners in the venture.

President Tom Noyes will represent the National at the league meeting. He leaves here Tuesday.

Spoils Vs. Cleats.

Why the leather football cleats have never been substituted for the steel baseball spikes is about as easy to explain as why catchers still insist upon stooping into most unnatural positions and allow themselves up in giving signals.

Because some one started giving signals by the fingers while stooping, it has always stuck and the idea of standing erect and by word or movement "telegraphing" to the pitcher, has never appeared. There is about as much reason for adhering to the deadly spike when it has been putting stars out of the game year after year.

Spikes are essential to success on the gridiron as on the diamond and football players, in running, jumping, and diving, are forced to do so, or more so, than ball players; still, the plan of substituting leather for steel has never been taken seriously.

If a man goes up with instructions to hunt he makes two attempts, and then swines. Why he should not try to dump the ball the third time is as much reason as explained, and probably never will. Neither will he probably never will be seen again in the matter of sticking to steel when leather might do just as well.

The Boston Nationals will play exhibition games here on April 7 and 8.

Still After Drake.

In his search for outfielders, Jimmy McAleer has not forgotten Delos Drake, who was with Wilkesbarre, but who is owned by Detroit.

Last year it was thought that Drake might be obtained as he was apparently of no use to the Tigers, but when Jennings was approached he was unreasonably in his demand in the deal and it was all off.

Wilkesbarre made an effort to keep Drake, but when waivers were asked, McAleer refused and there the matter rests. The subject may be broached at the league conference next week, for it is hard to see where Drake would fit into that Detroit line-up, while he might be of considerable use here.

Jesse Tannehill is dickering for the purchase of a minor league club. He wants to come East but there does not appear to be an opening.

Army-Navy Game Here.

That the idea of bringing the Army-Navy game to Washington is spreading in all sections, may be judged from the following from the Hotel Reporter:

"The work started by The Washington Times to bring the Army and Navy football game to Washington next year, a service the hearty cooperation of all the trade bodies in the city, and the combined efforts of the press. That it will receive the most hearty support of the Washington Hotel Men's Association, as well as their financial aid, goes without saying, and the officers of the association, Messrs. Devine, Schuit, and McKee, have promised to do all they can to make this classic of the gridiron a reality for Washington in 1911.

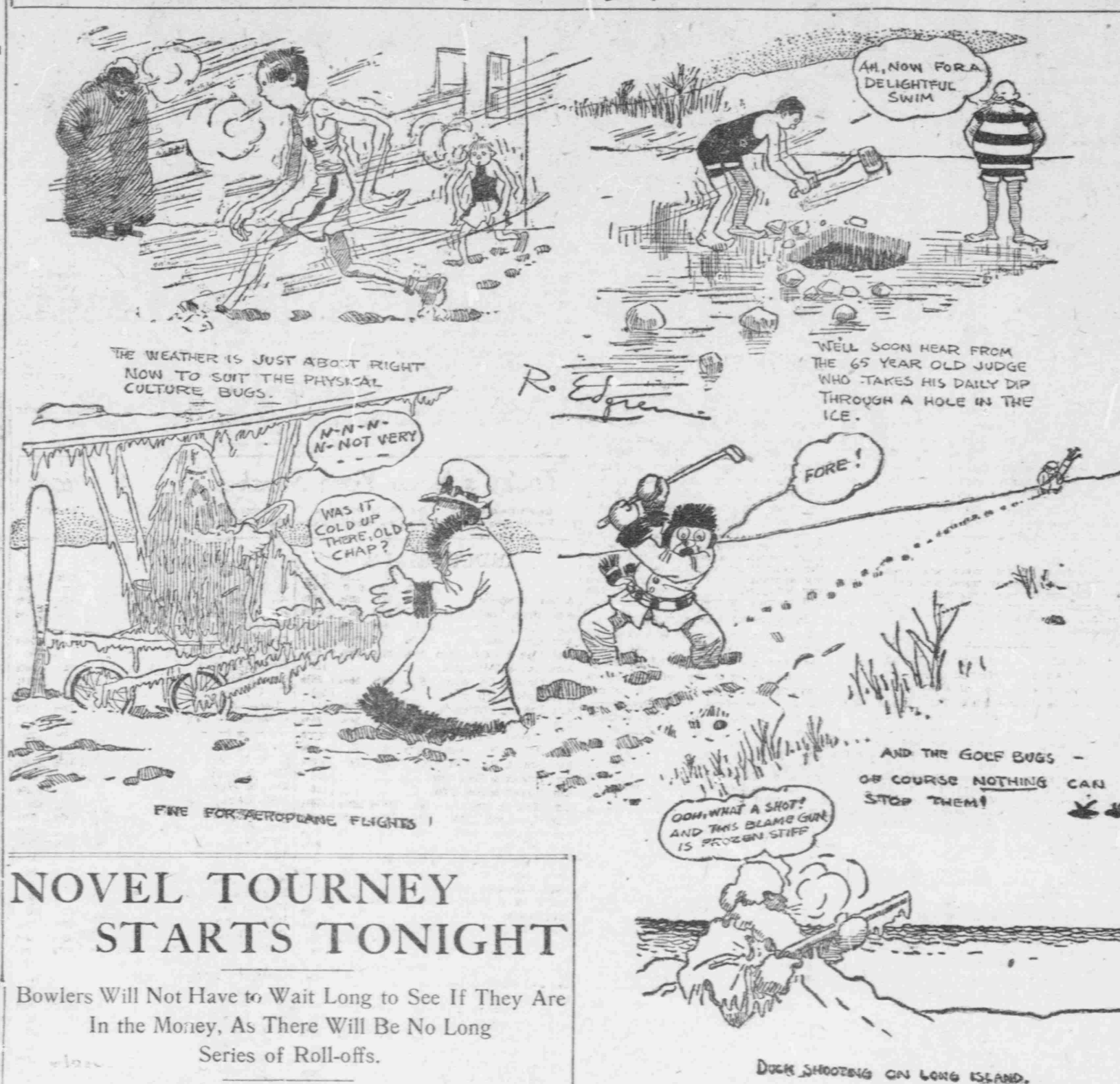
"That Washington is the proper place to pull the game off is acknowledged by both branches of the service. Being held in the Nation's Capital it would be assured of the attendance of the President, his Cabinet, the Diplomatic Corps, and, in fact, every official in the city. During the past few years the Army and Navy game has become more and more a social event, and no one is glad to throw open their palatial residences during what might be called football week, is very large. The suggestion made by some that a large hall be given the night before, is a very good one, and would, undoubtedly, mean the opening of the social season some two weeks prior to the time that it now starts.

"The grounds proposed, viz., the Ellipse, south of the White House, would be ideal, as temporary stands could be erected for the seating of any number of persons, thus giving the Army and Navy an unlimited number of seats to be distributed to their friends. The idea of erecting stands would be more than willing to purchase seats to see this, the most hotly contested football game of the year, and be more than enough to pay the cost of erecting seats, putting the grounds in condition, demolishing the stands after the game, and returning them to the Government in as good shape as they were originally.

"It would also be possible to secure Lieutenant Santelmann and the Marine Band to furnish the music and, indeed, make the game what it ought to be, a national event. No city in the United States, with the possible exception of New York, could offer more points of hotel facilities and assure the visiting throngs so much comfort.

"Outside of all this, many thousands would be attracted by the chance of not only seeing the game, but of spending as much time as they wanted in seeing the city, which has more points of interest, more beautiful parks and drives, and more of interest in general than any city in the country. The press congratulates The Times on the suggestion of bringing the game here, and sincerely hopes that nothing will be left undone by either the press or trade associations to make it an assured fact and a success in every way."

Every Dog Has His Day and Every Sport Has Its Own Season



NOVEL TOURNEY STARTS TONIGHT

Bowlers Will Not Have to Wait Long to See If They Are In the Money, As There Will Be No Long Series of Roll-offs.

By "KING PIN."

Beginning today and running through the holidays up to January 2, the management of the Royal alleys will hold a tournament that should prove to be one of the most popular ever given in the District.

As in other similar tournaments held on these and other alleys, no charge will be made for entrance, but the chief attraction to the duckpin bowlers will be in the fact that there will be no "roll offs."

In brief, there will be \$500 prize up, with no initiation fee or "come back," and you do not have to bowl a year to see if you're in the money.

Sixteen men are to qualify between tonight and January 2, for the highest totals for five games, the scores not necessarily being consecutive, but selected from the highest games rolled, and totalling for the biggest set for the five games.

First there will be the qualification prize of \$5 for high qualifying set of five games, and \$1 for second, with \$2 for high individual game, and \$2 for second place.

The arrangement of the tourney seems to be ideal and cannot but be productive of great interest. There will be five winners out of sixteen in the roll off the first to receive

\$30, second \$15, third \$12, fourth \$10, and the fifth \$5.

Tenpin bowlers who expect to take part in the coming city tournament should be present tonight at the meeting of the City Association at the Palace. The time is short and it will be a holy in arranging the schedule to have the entries in as early as possible.

Tonight the following named duckpin cranks line up for the first roll-off of the elimination tournament at the Royal alleys. Several of the most expert small-in spillers in the District are in the contest, and it will doubtless require big scores to win out.

Sanford, Picketts, Matchett, Harley, Duganne, Herliet, Rice, Rider, Shade, Brian, Dunn, Meggett, Weckerley, Carroll, Brashers, and Eberts.

Should one or more of the above fail to appear to take part in the first roll-off, the following, who came closest to qualifying scores, are eligible to fill the vacancy of vacancies in the order named: Darrow, Jr., Leckie, Warren, and Merryman.

The eight bowlers with the lowest scores tonight are "down and out," and the remaining fortunate eight have the second roll-off tomorrow night, when four more with the smaller end of the scores drop out.

The following Monday night the four remaining contestants hold the final match for the cash prizes.

Syracuse Fixes Dates For Baseball Season

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Dec. 3.—The schedule of the Syracuse University baseball team has been announced. Among the dates are:

May 2, Dartmouth at Syracuse; May 11 and 12, Michigan at Ann Arbor; May 15, Harvard at Cambridge; May 23, Colgate at Hamilton; May 27, Colgate at Syracuse; May 28 and 29, Michigan at Syracuse; May 31, West Point at West Point; June 7, Yale at New Haven; June 8, Tufts at Medford; June 9, Massachusetts Agricultural College at Amherst; June 10, Amherst College at Amherst.

Scott Succeeds Dugan.

ATHACA, N. Y., Dec. 7.—John H. Scott has been appointed graduate manager by the Cornell Athletic Association until September 1, 1911. Scott has been assistant under William J. Dugan, who resigned recently. His place will be taken by E. G. Kent, of Dayton, Ohio, who has been manager of the ice clubs.

Needham Sends Contract To President Murphy

CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—Tom Needham, third catcher of the champion Cubs, has stepped to bat with his contract for 1911.

The document enlisting the Steubenville speed merchant and P. G. expert reached President Murphy yesterday and was duly signed away in the National League strong box. Owing to continued illness the West Side magnate failed to show at his office, but he is fast rounding into form for the National League meeting in New York next week.

President Comiskey, of the Sox, after naming his two setter dogs, presented by Ed Walsh, "Balls" and "Strikes," announced his intention of departing today with "B. B. Johnson" for a hunt at Wilmington, Ill.

Coffey Back With Doves.

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 8.—Coffey, the Fordham College stopstart, who was with Boston in 1909, and then went to Indianapolis for seasoning, is to get another show with the Doves. Getz goes to Indianapolis in his place.

BASEBALL REFORM IS BEING URGED

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—"Garry" Herrmann, chairman of the national commission, is coming to the annual National League meeting here next week bent upon reform.

The owner of the Cincinnati Reds will make every effort to remedy the present wrongs of official scoring. It is Herrmann's plan to induce both his own and the American League to employ a staff of disinterested experts. These will travel from city to city, after the fashion of umpires.

The scheme is not original with Mr. Herrmann. It has been proposed many times before, but never received serious consideration by the magnates, who heretofore have considered the matter a needless waste of money. With Herrmann, however, stands President "Tom" Lynch.

Work All Planned.

The National League executive has been working on the plan for a couple of months, and, with Herrmann, has prepared the ammunition to be exploded next week.

Herrmann intimates that "Ban" B. Johnson, president of the American League, stands ready to endorse the project.

So far has the matter gone already that Herrmann is authority for the statement that each scorer will be paid a salary of \$2,500 or more. The details have not been worked out. But Herrmann is of the opinion that these scorers should be selected from the smaller cities of the major leagues. He mentions Cleveland, Detroit, and Washington to furnish the National League cities, and Cincinnati, Pittsburgh, and Brooklyn to ease the worries of Ban B. Murphy Near-Reformer.

Chubby "Charlie" Murphy, owner of the Cubs, is the champion near-reformer of organized baseball. To date most of "Charlie's" contemplated reforms have been sidetracked in hotel corridors.

The Windy City mogul will, as usual, endeavor to come across with a few startling ideas next week. He is fathering a rule to relieve pitchers from the necessity of bating. Murphy would have a substitute player hit for the twiner.

Charles also believes that it would

With the Bowlers

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UNION STATION.

Williams	155	158	159
Payne	154	155	156
Thomas	153	154	155
Miller	152	153	154
Hager	151	152	153
Zepp	150	151	152

Totals

728 718 841

B. & O.

Graham	135	132	118
Turner	109	106	110
Moler	107	104	122
Bransom	102	101	110
Haughe	92	122	118

Totals

598 712 614

District Amateur Bowling League.

SAENGERBUND.

Marbler	206	202	163
Burdine	217	199	201
Eckstein	189	154	194
Shaffer	189	225	189
Miller	200	190	200

Totals

972 860 943

CENTRAL.

Watson	154	157	153
Hilton	145	133	185
Barnes	117	134	189
Elker	147	167	213
Campbell	147	187	188

Totals

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VIRGINIA OUTLOOK GOOD IN FOOTBALL

Orange and Blue Will Have Eight Veterans Back for Squad.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., Dec. 8.—Eight members of this year's football team will comprise the nucleus for the 1911 eleven, with the possibility of a ninth man, whose eligibility is a question.

The man whose eligibility is in doubt is Captain Geyer. The first year he went out for football here he played for a short while in a single game. For three years he has been a star tackle on the varsity, making the All-South Atlantic both last year and this year.

Those men who will not be eligible again are Varner, tackle, who, though having played here but one season, was a member of the V. P. I. eleven for three years; Henaker, star quarterback; and Cecil, who has been a consistent and efficient player on the Orange and Blue for several years. Holladay, tackle and fullback, who has been a fixture on the team during the period of his eligibility, will be graduated from the university next spring.

Driver, whose work on the defensive in the position of halfback was a feature of nearly every Virginia contest this fall, will not return. It is probable that he will become next year the physical director at William and Mary College, where he holds an enviable record as all-around athlete.

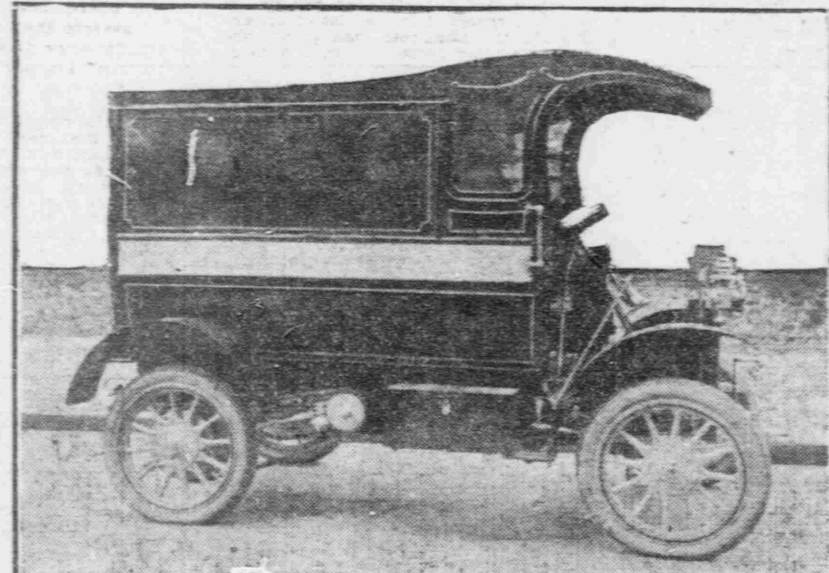
The election of Bowen as captain of the 1911 varsity has met with general approval. Bowen was elected last year to captain this season's team, but owing to the objections raised by his parents to his playing, resigned, in the belief that his football career had come to an end. For three years he has proven the sturdy player and dependable end in the eleven, and is always a steady man in the pinches.

Re-elect Folwell.

EASTON, Pa., Dec. 8.—Robert C. Folwell, of Philadelphia, has been re-elected coach of the Lafayette football team.

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